

House Resolution 213

By: Representatives Holmes of the 61st, Mosby of the 90th, Stanley-Turner of the 53rd, Bruce of the 64th, James of the 135th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Dr. Otis W. Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, during the course of his remarkable life, Dr. Otis W. Smith touched countless
3 lives with his generous spirit; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith was a native Atlantan, born on May 12, 1925, at Grady Hospital; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School and Morehouse
6 College where he lettered in four sports; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he received his medical education at Meharry Medical College in Nashville,
8 Tennessee, and became the first African American certified pediatrician in Georgia, helping
9 to integrate the medical staff at Grady Hospital; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding civil rights leader for more than half a century, serving
11 as president of the Atlanta chapter of the NAACP for over ten years; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he contributed to his community through the donation of his time and many
13 talents, serving as a member of the board of the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia for over
14 30 years and serving as a lifetime member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
16 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens
17 of his community and state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
18 associates; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the untimely passing of this generous, kind, and devoted man leaves an
20 unfillable void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of
3 Dr. Otis W. Smith and extend their most sincere condolences to his family and friends.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Otis W. Smith.